

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Tiger Mortality
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of incidents of tiger mortality reported along with the reason therefor during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) the measures taken by the Government to address this problem;
- (c) the details of the rehabilitation centres for tigers established across the country;
- (d) whether tiger mortality due to translocation and caging have increased over the years and the Government has identified cases of unlawful capturing and caging of tigers in the zoos and if so, the action taken by the Government thereon;
- (e) whether the Government has established any guidelines for the Zoos regarding the treatment and conditions of animals especially for endangered ones like the tigers and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the steps taken by the Government against the zoos that lack the basic amenities for the well being of animals?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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- (a) & (b) As reported by States, tiger (wild) mortality during the last three years and the current year alongwith reasons, is at Annexure-I. The steps taken by Government of India for conservation and protection of tigers and other wild animals are at Annexure-II.
- (c) Six rescue centres for tigers rescued from circuses are established by Central Zoo Authority at Chennai, Bengaluru, Tirupati, Visakhapatnam, Bhopal and Jaipur respectively.
- (d) No such cases have been reported or identified.
- (e) The Government has prescribed standards and norms in this regard under Recognition of Zoo Rule, 2009 through Central Zoo Authority. Moreover, the following guidelines have been issued by the Central Zoo Authority for zoos regarding treatment and conditions of animals:
- i. Standards, Guidelines and protocol on Disease, Diagnosis and Cure of wild animals in Indian Zoos
 - ii. Colour Atlas on parasites of captive wild animals
 - iii. Protocol for the Veterinary care and safety of wild animals during transportation with special reference to Deer species
 - iv. Standardization of animal diets in Indian Zoos
 - v. Guidelines for establishment and scientific management of Zoos in India
 - vi. Protocols for transportation of wild animals
 - vii. Guidelines for upkeep of Reptiles in Zoos and Parks
 - viii. Designing of enclosures for Indian Zoos
 - ix. Veterinary management of captive Asian elephants

(f) Action has been taken against operators of zoos failing to provide basic amenities to animals as per provisions of Section 38H(6) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009, framed under the Act. Accordingly, the Government has ordered closure of 339 zoos operating in India which failed to provide basic amenities to the animals as per the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009.
